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**PERSONAL DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**Title of research project:**

1. I/we declare that I am/we are cognisant of the goals of the Research Ethics Committee in the Faculty of Education to

* develop among students and researchers a high standard of ethics and ethical practice in the conceptualisation and conduct of educational research;
* cultivate an ethical consciousness among scholars especially in research involving human respondents; and
* promote among researchers a respect for the human rights and dignity of human respondents in the research process.
1. I/We subscribe to the principles of
* *voluntary* *participation* in research, implying that the participants might withdraw from the research at any time.
* *informed consent*, meaning that research participants must at all times be fully informed about the research process and purposes, and must give consent to their participation in the research.
* *safety in participation* put differently, that the human respondents should not be placed at risk or harm of any kind e.g. research with young children.
* *privacy*, meaning that the *confidentiality* and *anonymity* of human respondents should be protected at all times.
* *trust*, which implies that human respondents will not be subjected to any acts of deception or betrayal in the research process or its published outcomes.
1. I/we understand what plagiarism entails and am/are aware of the University’s policy in this regard. I/we undertake not to make use of another person’s previous work without acknowledgment or to submit it as our own. I/we also undertake not to allow anyone to copy our work with the intention of using it as their own work.
2. I/we understand that the data collected in the course of our research become the institutional property of the University of Pretoria and I/we undertake to transfer all raw data and documents related to our research for safekeeping as required by the Faculty of Education.
3. I/we understand that any amendment to the approved protocol needs to be submitted to the Ethics Committee for review prior to data collection. Non-compliance implies that approval will be null and void.

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**Supervisor (if applicable) Signature Date**